

# 80<sup>th</sup> FIGHTER SQUADRON HEADHUNTERS ASSOCIATION



## HEADHUNTER HEADLINES



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"AUDENTIS FORTUNA JUVAT"

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### WWII HEADHUNTERS

On 8/23/2014 12:44 PM, **Barry Johnson** (Comcast) wrote: *Tex, you asked for my Oshkosh input, so here goes. The overall venue for "Warbirds in Review" was impressive. We were standing between two of Ron Fagen's WWII fighters a P-40 "Desert Fox" and Norb's P-38 "Ruff Stuff" which were angled towards the audience. At the end, after questions and answers, I was literally mobbed by friends of the Ruff family from Bloomer, Wisconsin. Great people and lots of pics. Attached are the spoken word, and a couple of 'glam' shots. FWIW (nothing), there are seven flyable P-38's in the world. I have flown in one (thanks to Zippo), sat in for and touched all seven. **Bwana***

#### **Norb Ruff, And His Time In The 80<sup>th</sup> FS**

A few days ago I was called by Norb Ruff's son, Mark, to see if I would be interested in coming to Oshkosh, during EAA Adventure, to represent the Ruff family. Mark asked if I could speak about Norb, and his time in the 80<sup>th</sup>, at the "Warbirds in Review" presentation. My response was, "Date, time, and how long"? The speakers for Monday, July 28<sup>th</sup> were Christina Olds who answered questions about her Dad, Maj Gen Joe "Double Astronaut" Engel, and me.

I first met Norb in Harlingen, TX at an 80<sup>th</sup> FS reunion in 1986. When I got off the plane I was met by Norb and M F Kirby, and after introductions Norb says, "Grab your stuff, you're staying with me". Later during the airshow open house, Norb has me sitting in White Lightning (that is a P-38 now flying in Europe) and he is trying to give me a cockpit checkout. If you ever had the privilege of listening to Norb you know his attention to detail. Over the next 21 years we had many conversations about WWII, the 80<sup>th</sup>, P-38s, flying, and fishing...for the most part, I listened as he was an incredible story teller. I also visited his basement which can only be described as the Disneyworld of fishing rods. He had over 1500 rods that he had built.

So here is a brief synopsis of what I knew about Norb Ruff, the farm boy from Bloomer, Wisconsin, who went from bi-planes to jets in just five years.

Norb received his pilot wings December 1, 1941. Six days later, Pearl Harbor and six weeks later he is setting sail from San Francisco on a converted cruise ship the USS Mariposa for parts unknown. The talk aboard ship was that they were going to Alaska to prevent an imminent Jap invasion. As the temperatures continued to rise Norb knew they weren't going to Alaska. By the end of February they were in Australia, near Brisbane and Norb was assigned to the 80<sup>th</sup> FS flying P-39s and P-400s. These P-400s had originally been built for the RAF, but the RAF didn't want them because they were under powered, barely able to get to 20000 feet and the RAF needed interceptors to fight the

Germans. The 80<sup>th</sup> at this time was barely 50% manned so its pilots were being used as a replacement/ferry pilots to squadrons in New Guinea.

In July 1942 Norb and the 80<sup>th</sup> began flying combat from airstrips bulldozed out of the jungle and coral near Port Moresby New Guinea. This was on the southeast corner of the island and these strips were named 3, 4, 7, 12, 14, 17 mile strip. The numbers represented the distance from Port Moresby. Conditions were austere at best. These strips had some PSP, but hardstands and taxiways were bulldozed dirt and coral. Dusty when it was dry and mucky when it rained. Malaria was prevalent and everyone had the crud, but they continued to maintain and fly the aircraft. And, every night a Jap bomber would fly over and kick out a couple of bombs just for harassment. Out of their tents and into slit trenches waiting for the all clear.

Jan-Feb 1943 the 80<sup>th</sup> rotated back to Australia, converted to P-38Gs, and then back to New Guinea and combat, this time with a great airplane but the 38 was, and still is, (there are seven flyable 38s in the world) a maintainers nightmare. Norb scored 4 air to air kills and was credited with 2 probables. He had 125 combat missions when he returned stateside in October 1943. Both of Norb's assigned aircraft, a P-400 and a P-38 were named "Ruff Stuff". The 80<sup>th</sup> had letters instead of tail numbers. Ruff Stuff had a big yellow "X" on the nose and that aircraft was transferred to Paul Murphey when Norb went stateside.

The 80<sup>th</sup> flew P-38s until the end of the war finishing with 225 aerial victories and 15 aces. As a side note, both Richard Bong, America's Ace of Aces, and Charles Lindberg flew missions with the 80<sup>th</sup>. Bong claimed three of his kills while flying with the 80<sup>th</sup> and Lindberg flew as an advisor "demonstrating" reduced fuel consumption. Today the 80<sup>th</sup> is still active flying F-16 "Vipers" at Kunsan, Korea.

When Norb came back to the states he commanded a squadron training replacement pilots in the P-38. He was then selected to be one of the first pilots to fly and test the new jet aircraft in the USAAC. Sadly, he was the investigating officer for Bong's fatal crash at Burbank, California. Shortly thereafter, Norb separated from the service and started a company, Catalytic Combustion that is still run today by his son Mark.

When I think of Norb, two lasting images come to mind. If you ever met Norb or saw a picture of him you know his cap was always cocked to the side, down on his right ear. Secondly, on a bitter cold December day, that aircraft, "Ruff Stuff", under a low ceiling, performing a flyby at Norb's funeral. Salute!

**Why you should send me your memoirs and photos.**

*"Did you write it down? If you did not, you should have. This is because only what you have committed to paper has significance. Man's experience is only that which he has recorded. The more you consider that, the more significant it may become. The Heinlein Hypothesis declaims that only the historic record establishes the essence of the human experience. If it was not written down, it might as well not have happened". Lt Col Jeff Cooper*

*Likewise if you have a scrapbook or other such item, please take it to a commercial service like Kinko's and have it copied to a CD or thumb drive. HH HQ will reimburse you for your reasonable expenses if you send us a copy (and give a copy to your children and grandchildren) and I will endeavor to preserve it on the website. Again, "If it was not written down, it might as well not have happened".*

## KOREAN WAR HEADHUNTERS

New comment on your post "Lt Robertson's 80th Yearbook"

Author : **Gary Martin** (IP: 66.68.34.93 , cpe-66-68-34-93.austin.res.rr.com)

E-mail : [garymartin.austin@gmail.com](mailto:garymartin.austin@gmail.com) Comment: I really enjoyed this about the "forgotten" war.

## JUVAT HEADHUNTERS

### *2014 with the Juvats*

From Osan AB to Alaska, Seoul to Busan, and everywhere in between the Headhunters had an action packed and productive year in 2014. Bottom line up front, flying with the 80<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron at Kunsan remains the best place to cut one's teeth as a young punk learning the Viper, or for the fossils, to stay in the cockpit of the F-16 when the modern Air Force is making every effort to send them to white jets, or worse, a staff tour. Between Opsat scenarios against the SA-2's, the occasional CT BFM sortie, sweeps to A-Town, and singing in Brunigan's, the 8<sup>th</sup> FW remains the last bastion of the fighter pilot.

Throughout 2014, the Juvats alone flew 4511.5 hours in 3,507 sorties.

The 80<sup>th</sup> FS deployed three times, in the Spring to Gwangju for Max Thunder, then in early Fall to Eielson AFB, AK for Red Flag 14-3, and finally to Osan AB for a month during the runway repair in October. Battle damage was limited to one injured cranium (careful on those steps, Demon), one broken nose (you had him, Spike), and many beaten-down egos thanks to the local feminine talent in Fairbanks, Anchorage, Seoul, Busan etc (all punks, especially Archer). The casualties were well worth the reward however, as few experiences in life compare to the first time you shoot a 690 lb Maverick off the wing of a jet fighter, or lead a four ship down the "Star Wars" canyon on the low level in Alaska next to 12,000' peaks. Successfully deploying 12 jets across the Pacific for a month, surviving several nameings, Meet AJ's, and farewells, as well as a fishing trip with a catch large enough for 180 people was a testament to the 80<sup>th</sup> EFS. There was no rest for the weary. Under the leadership of Lt Col "Trip" Raymond (Dos Gringos and Juvat Boys Choir retired), the Juvats are moving forward into 2015 with a solid cadre of pilots and maintainers. On the scope for 2015 is the planned return of the Hollandia Air-to-Air competition, tentatively planned for May, and a potential deployment to Singapore for Commando Sling later in the year. While the faces may change, the Juvat heritage remains strong, 73 years on.

What is Good? Crush em', Capt **Sean "Notch" Foote** Juvat Boys Choir Lead

## HEADHUNTERS DOWN

I wanted to inform you that my father, **Col Bobby J. Mead** has passed away. Thanks for your communications over the years. Sincerely, William S. Mead

Received word that **John W. Field, Jr** passed away on 8 May 2013. No further details

## FROM THE WEBSITE

1. [Lt Robertson 80th Yearbook](#) This bit of Headhunter history comes from new LTM JR Robertson, son of LTMs John (D) and Lorraine Robertson and is a copy of his dad's yearbook from the Japan-Korea 1950-1951 era. Permanent link is: [History>Korea>Korea Memoirs](#) or here: <http://8ofsheadhunters.org/2014/11/30/lt-robertsons-80th-yearbook/> Priceless. Enjoy.

2. We listened. All categories except for Master Roster and JBC Songs are now open to all Association members whether you have registered on the website or not. I still urge you to register and buy either an Annual or LTM membership at the store: <http://8ofsheadhunters.org/store/> Folks, we depend on dues money to keep the Association running at its usual level of (in) efficiency.

#### FROM AROUND THE WORLD

On Nov 24, 2014, at 5:16 PM, [<shadowshel@gmail.com>](mailto:shadowshel@gmail.com) wrote:

**Nogas and Lude**, SHIT HOT website! Just seeing it has me humming Twin Tail Lightning and popping a beer! Do me a favor, can you verify that I am a lifetime member? I'm pretty sure I am but if not ready to pay the \$. Side note: my oldest son (**Bryce**) just finished the B-course and has been into the Juvats. Told him he'd be disowned and disavowed if he came home as Panton. He should be arriving at the Kun within 3-4 weeks. WIG??!! **Shadow Turner**

**Shadow!**

Long time no speak, good to hear from you. I'm glad you like the new website. Yes, I found your past LTM and applied it to the new website, so you should be good to go for full access. Great to hear about Bryce. Man that makes me feel old though! Just make sure to tell him not to do what I did - which is assume that you have good intel on which SQ you're in before stepping off the freedom bird. I had slam dunk intel that I was going to the Tooeyes, and so I tried to be all cool and flash the Panton sign to my waiting Juvat welcomers. It did not go well!

Hope things are good for you. Are you guys still in VA? I'm finishing up at the Pentagon, doing fighter pilot shortage & rated manning stuff (again). We retire in Oct next year. WIG??!! **Lude**

**Lude,**

...it has been a whirlwind but we are finally back at Kunsan. Just in time for another exercise. You'll be happy to know that the JBC made a special exception and let me try out. I was in JBC for about 1 week then retired, though I do bring out the guitar and play along every now and then. I'll talk to the boys and figure out how we can call-in for the reunion! And if there is an easy way to sign up a bunch of current Juvats, let me know the info you need and I'll get the word out. WIG? Trip (**Robert "Trip" Raymond**, Lt Col, USAF Headhunter Lead #108)

On 9/15/2014 10:54 AM, Gary's Gmail wrote:

Tex, As you may remember, my father **Major Andrew Franklin Martin, Jr.** commanded the 80th from (relying on memory, so please check this) from October 1, 1954 until his death on December 1, 1954 off the coast of Kadena AFB Okinawa. (*Maj Andrew F. Martin, Jr.: 16 Oct 54 – 1 Dec 54 Killed on training mission-Tex*). He is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. My mother **Mary Alice Martin** never remarried to devote herself to raising my brother Andrew Franklin Martin III and me in Woodward Oklahoma. She remained in Woodward OK for 50 years then moved to independent living in Oklahoma City in 2004. In 2010 she moved from OKC to be with us in Austin and until her entry into the hospital last Thursday lived independently.

Yesterday we were both present at her death her in Austin at the age or 93. Her life is quite a story that I can't describe here but wanted you to know that she has joined Dad already, as with both of their parents in that place between the stars where our loved ones look down and smile.

Mom was an accomplished musician with BFA from Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater OK in 1942, then became the first woman band director in Arkansas after which she earned a Masters in Fine Arts from the University of Michigan. She taught instrumental music and directed bands and choirs for her 50 years in Woodward. Last Friday, after playing God Bless American and American the Beautiful at the 9-11 Ceremony at her senior living complex, she called me that she was very ill and from there to the

hospital where she passed in peace with both of her sons at her side on September 14 2014. We had celebrated her 93rd birthday on August 22. Later this fall her ashes will be interred at Woodward OK with the Duncan family plot and the other part will be interred with dad at Arlington National Cemetery with our Dad.

My best regards to you and the work of this organization that has welcomed me as his humble substitute. My wife Barbara and plan to attend the next reunion where I hope to include my daughter, retired Captain Jen Nightingale, USAF Missiler and my son in law Captain Philip Nightingale, USAF Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colorado. By that time I hope to reproduce his flight log book from the start of WW2, to the "Pineapple Air Force", Hawaii Territory from 1943-44, to the Mariana Islands operations in June through August 1944. His post war years were in Panama, at Furstenfeldbuch, Germany, March Field, CA, Rome NY, Columbus and Youngstown OH, Montgomery AL and Okinawa. **Gary D Martin**, Austin Texas *Note, Gary is now an Associate Headhunter-Tex*

On 8/20/2014 1:15 AM, p38nova@aol.com wrote:

Tex, I understand that a P-38, recently recovered from the ocean, will be at the next reunion in Colorado Springs. Do you know exactly where that plane was located. The reason that I ask is because it might be my plane. I was with the 80th when it was based on Ie Shima. When taking off to the northeast , you were over the ocean when reaching the end of the runway. One of our pilots, Ed Hendricks of Long Beach, CA, was scheduled to go on a mission. Since his plane was being serviced, he used mine. He lost an engine on takeoff and went into the water. He was able to get out of the plane after it landed in the water and was rescued by a boat that was stationed at the end of the runway for such emergencies. The water is about 500 feet deep at that point. That plane has been sitting there for the last 69 years. I was wondering if that is the plane that was recovered.---**Saul Nova** *No, Sir it was not yours. But you will be impressed when you find out who's it was. The owners don't want that info released just yet. We'll be the first to find out and the first group to see it-Tex*

On 8/19/2014 2:34 AM, **David Paulus** wrote:

Teximus- Been going through my old emails, and realized that I never heard back from you on how to get hooked back up with the Headhunters. I guess you never heard back from me on my new job, so I guess that makes us even. But you're still a pain in the ass. *That I might be, but I can spell "interesting" (see below), yah skinny little midget!!!*

I'm back here with the 310th FS Tophats as an ADO. Mostly just trying to figure out how to push B-courers through the program without any working D-models. Somewhat of an intersting challenge, but as we always seem to, we'll figure something out. More than that, we're just enjoying a slower pace of life here at Luke. Any details for the next reunion? Hope you and Rita are doing well, or at least Rita. WIG?! Rex (**Deuce Paulus**)

*Deuce go to the website: <http://8ofsheadhunters.org/category/reunions/> for info as it develops.-  
Tex*

Tex, I went to purchase membership and since I'm now 74 it said I no longer need to pay. What a deal. Anyway, I spent two years with the Juvats, July 1976-July 1977, and Aug 1980-Aug 1981. Great Squadron and Great guys. Nickname was "Doc" *Audentes Fortuna Juvat, Doc (Pettit)*

Tex, Thanks for the post card. All is well at Whiteman AFB - we recently had 321 Airmen return from the AOR. They were deployed for 7 months -- good to have them back safe! Hope all is good in your

world, and you had a great Thanksgiving. Take care, W.I.G.? **NATO Hegtvedt**  
[Hubie.hegtvedt@gmail.com](mailto:Hubie.hegtvedt@gmail.com)

Tex, I am bringing you up to date about my Headhunter News Letter. I don't have a computer. I am a LTM and am getting it sent to me without any problems. Just keep it the way it is. You are doing a great job, the only problem (is) we are getting old and a lot of us war passing away. My years with the 80<sup>th</sup> were great years. My age and health prevent me from attending any reunions. **(T/Sgt) Louis Miksits.**

Dear Tex, Always happy to hear from the Headhunters. I did get my eye surgery completed and I can now see the light at the end of the tunnel! I plan to attend the reunion in April. I will bring some copies of my book and present it any way that is appropriate. Let me know if this is OK. See you in April, **Earl Haney.** *Earl, please bring as many copies as you want. We'll put it on the Store table. If any of you have books, and memoirs for sale, please contact Nogas and he'll sell them through the store as well. Tom Reichert: [Nogas@8ofsheadhunters.org](mailto:Nogas@8ofsheadhunters.org) OR [TSReichert@aol.com](mailto:TSReichert@aol.com) OR give him a call: 801-781-0164*

#### FROM THE ORDERLY ROOM

#### **HEADHUNTER HEADLINES AND THE NEW WEBSITE:**

**Major Chris "Lude" Kibble** completely redesigned our website. We're now on version 2.2. You should go take a look at it: [www.8ofsheadhunters.org](http://www.8ofsheadhunters.org) It is faster, easier to navigate and post on than the old one. There's no complicated registration procedures. No More Paypal! All areas are now open to the public except for the Master Roster and JBC sections- Members Only. Visit the site [www.8ofsheadhunters.org](http://www.8ofsheadhunters.org) and take a look around. Check out the "News" and "Reunions" tabs.

By now, you should have received a postcard asking for your email address. Please send me that email, with your name and email address in the body of the message. Please send it today. Note that I have a new HH01 email address: [HH01@8ofsheadhunters.org](mailto:HH01@8ofsheadhunters.org). So far about 63 of you have responded. Please take care of this ASAP. Thanks.

#### **If you want access to the Master Roster or JBC Songs, here's how to register on the website:**

1. Hover your pointer over the "Login/Out" tab and select "Register" from the drop down menu;
2. On the "Register" screen, type in your email address, a password and some name, rank and serial number info. It'll take you about 1 minute.

Lifetime Members and paid Annual Members: I'm in the process of activating all LTM and paid Annual Members credentials. Soon you'll all be able to log in and access all website features. Make sure you use the email address you've registered with the site or the one you recently sent to me.  
New or Non-current Annual Members: click on the "Store" tab and buy your membership (annual or you can upgrade to LTM based on your age). (almost) Instant access!

**If you are a LTM or current Annual Member and are still getting a "Membership Required" error message:** Make sure you have registered for your website account and can

successfully log in-(see above). Drop me an email. I'll re-activate your account, usually within a day or so.

*Guys – FYI, I added the ability for people to receive updates via email whenever we post something new to the site. They can use any email address they like, not just the one associated with their login. The sign-up is on the upper right of the sidebar of the SignIn/Out page as well as several others. Also added a link to the official Facebook page on the sidebar. VR, Lude*

**HH HQ has moved. The (for now) Oct-May address is: 2830 S. Hulen, #174, Ft Worth, Texas 76109 Phone remains the same: 817-229-5124**

## **80<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron 2015 Reunion Colorado Springs, CO ~ April 23-26**

### **Welcome to Colorado Springs**

When it comes to magnificent scenery and natural beauty, Colorado Springs has it all. Visited by millions every year, here you will find *Pikes Peak*, one of Colorado's highest mountains at 14,110 feet and the famous *Garden of the Gods*. Home to both the *Olympic Training Complex* and the *Air Force Academy*, which is the most visited man-made attraction in Colorado. This area is rich with diversity, history and culture. Whether it is art, history, gaming or viewing some of the most beautiful scenery in the country, you will find something memorable in Colorado Springs. Your 2015 reunion program offers the opportunity to experience some of the area's top attractions. Don't miss this reunion and the chance to visit the landscape that inspired "*America the Beautiful*".



### **Hotel Information**

The reunion officially begins on Thursday, April 23 and ends on Sunday, April 26. You will be staying at the ***Hotel Elegante*** which is located at 2886 South Circle Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80906. The room rate is **\$89.00** plus tax per night based on single or double occupancy (\$30 off the regular rate) including a full Breakfast Buffet each morning. For those of you who choose to arrive early or stay late, the same room rate is available 3 days before and 3 days after the official reunion dates, based on availability. Reservations may be made by calling the hotel directly at **1-719-576-5900**. Mention that you are with the **80<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron Reunion** to assure you are associated with your group. It is always best to make your reservation directly with the hotel and not a central hotel-chain call center. MRP has negotiated numerous amenities for you that the call centers may not be aware of. (Note: only those booking under the reunion group code are eligible for amenities that may include free breakfast, free parking, internet, etc. Booking through another channel like *reunionhotels.com* disqualifies you and your party from group amenities).



You may request specific room types when you call to make your reservations. The hotel check-in time is 3:00pm. Please, don't expect to get into your room before then. You may cancel your hotel room up to 24 hours prior to arrival without penalty. **Please note: the hotel cut-off date is March 20, 2015**, thereafter; reservations will be taken on a space available basis only. If you have any trouble getting a room at the group rate call Eileen of MRP @ 817-251-3551.

### **Transportation & Directions**

The closest airport is Colorado Springs Municipal Airport (COS). The hotel has a complimentary airport shuttle. For those of you driving to the reunion, the hotel offers complimentary self-parking.

***Travel safely and we will .... See you in Colorado Springs!***

This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The centerpiece of this reunion is an 80<sup>th</sup> P-38 recovered from a watery Pacific grave that is being restored by WestPac Restorations.

In an effort to get you there, the Association will pick up all the Hospitality Suite expenses.- Free booze and snacks for all attendees.

### **80<sup>th</sup> Fighter Squadron 2015 Reunion Events April 23-26, 2015 - Colorado Springs, CO**

#### **EARLY BIRD WELCOME**

**Thursday, April 23 (4:00pm in the Hotel)**

For the early arrivals there will be a buffet set up this evening.

#### **WELCOME BUFFET – JBS SINGALONG**

**Friday, April 24 (6:30pm in the Hotel)**

The best opportunity to see who has arrived. Enjoy a simple buffet without having to venture out after a long travel day.

#### **GOLF AT AIR FORCE ACADEMY GOLF COURSE**

**Saturday, April 25 (10:00am Tee Time)**

#### **PIKES PEAK COG RAILWAY TOUR & LUNCH**

**Saturday, April 25 (8:30am-1:30pm)**

Pikes Peak is the most visited mountain in North America and the second most visited mountain in the world behind Japan's Mount Fuji. Pikes Peak forms a stunning backdrop for Colorado Springs and the Garden of the Gods, and stands at an altitude of 14,110 feet above sea level. It is the farthest east of the big peaks in the Rocky Mountain chain, which contributed to its early fame among explorers, pioneers and immigrants and made it the symbol of the 1859 Gold Rush to Colorado with the slogan, "Pikes Peak or Bust". Upon arrival you will board the modern Cog Railway for the trip to the top of Pikes Peak. Upon arrival at the peak, there will be time to admire the view as well as browse the gift shop, before taking the railway back to the base. Box lunches are included in today's excursion. Please make your sandwich selection on the reservation form. **Please note: The altitude may be a concern for those who have health problems or any difficulty breathing.**

#### **DINNER AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WWII AVIATION**

**Saturday, April 25 (4:00pm-9:00pm)**

The National Museum of World War II Aviation has created a unique opportunity to remember the unselfish service of our World War II era veterans and celebrate the contributions of the hundreds of thousands of people who made victory in World War II possible through a virtual commemorative wall. They will provide unique educational experiences that promote a deeper understanding of the historical importance of American aviation in World War II and its role in shaping the world in which

we live. The Museum does this to preserve and strengthen the best traditions of the American aviation past and inspire new generations of leaders and innovators in the future. At 1630 tours will begin of the museum followed at 1830 by a buffet dinner. After dining you will have until 2030 to do more exploring in the museum.

### **EVENT CANCELLATION INSURANCE**

**Protect yourself from unforeseen expenses** caused by sickness, injury, or any other causes that impact your travel plans. This insurance enables a refund of Tour & Banquet expenses up until three (3) days before the start of your reunion. If you need to cancel – please call our office immediately (817-251-3551) for a cancellation number. If you have not purchased cancellation insurance, all tour and meal money is non-refundable 6 weeks prior to the reunion.

### **Reservations are due by March 12, 2015**

Late reservations accepted on a space available basis with a \$15 per person, late fee. You should make a copy of this form for your records. For more information call Eileen Monday-Friday @ 817-251-3551 or email: [info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com). Requests for refunds must be made in writing and postmarked before due date above. No refunds will be made after this date, unless you have purchased *Tour Cancellation Insurance*. There is a \$10 per person refund processing fee. Your cancelled check is your receipt and proof of purchase. There is a \$25 return check fee for NSF. For a written confirmation please enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Military Reunion Planners (MRP) will not be held liable for failure of vendors to provide contracted services or any injuries/accidents that may occur during the reunion. Sorry, no refunds will be given starting at midnight the day before the reunion. Reunion info and a reunion roster with event orders will be posted on the internet at [www.MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](http://www.MilitaryReunionPlanners.com).

### **Important Reunion Notes:**

Tours require a minimum of 30 people to operate. Refunds will be given on any cancelled tour. Please understand that a certain amount of walking is necessary from the bus to attractions and in some instances to also see the attractions. Please consider your abilities before purchasing tours. Be sure to bring photo identification (like a driver's license) on all events. All tour times are subject to change. A final itinerary will be available at registration.

### **The National Museum of WWII Aviation and Westpac Restorations**

Saturday evening will be marked by an open bar and buffet dinner at the National Museum of WWII Aviation. This event will include a VIP guided tour of both the Museum and Westpac Restorations, where two P-38's recovered from the New Guinea jungles will be seen. One of these aircraft was flown by a well-known Headhunter Ace, and is well on its way to fly again after crash landing in 1944. The Museum is the only one in the world to focus exclusively on the unique story of the role of aviation in World War II. Its mission is to preserve and strengthen the traditions of the American aviation past and inspire new generations of leaders and innovators in the future.

The Museum comprises over 44,000 square feet within three adjoining hangar structures. On display within these buildings are the personal collections of several major collectors of WWII aircraft and artifacts. Among these are the entire contents of the 80th Fighter Squadron "Headhunters" archives and memorabilia.

Formed in 1997 by Bill Klaers and Alan Wojciak, Westpac Restorations began operations in Rialto, California before moving to the Colorado Springs Airport in 2008. The Westpac site consists of a 65,000 square foot, state of the art aircraft restoration, propeller, and metal forming facility. Past and current restorations include the P-38 Lightning, P-51 Mustang, P-47 Thunderbolt, F4U Corsair, and the F7F Tigercat.

***PLEASE FILL OUT AND MAIL THE RESERVATION FORM ASAP.***

*FOLKS, PLEASE MARK THIS IN YOUR CALENDARS AND PASS IT AROUND TO ANY HEADHUNTERS YOU KNOW. REUNION ATTENDANCE IS WHAT MAKES OR BREAKS AN ORGANIZATION LIKE OURS. THIS INFO IS AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE UNDER THE "NEWS" AND "REUNIONS" TABS*

**Remember that the Association is picking up all the Hospitality Suite expenses and the bar bill at the museum- free booze and snacks for all attendees.**

What is good?

Tex and Rita 2

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DATE	EVENT	COST	QTY	TOTAL
	<b>REUNION REGISTRATION FEE</b> Everyone please pay, non-refundable	\$15 pp		
Thu 4/23	Early Bird Welcome Buffet (1600 at the Hotel)	\$29 pp		
Fri 4/24	Welcome Dinner (1830 at the Hotel)	\$39 pp		
Sat 4/25	EVENT A: Golf at Air Force Academy (1000 Tee Time)	\$50 pp		
Sat 4/25	EVENT B: Pike's Peak Cog Train (0830-1330)	\$72 pp		
	Please select lunch sandwich			
	Ham Sandwich			
	Turkey Sandwich			
Sat 4/25	EVENT C: BUFFET DINNER at National Museum of WWII Aviation (1600-2100)	\$64 pp		
	Non-refundable late Reservation Fee (if mailed after March 12)	\$15 pp		
	Tour Cancellation Insurance (non-refundable)	\$15 pp		
	<b>TOTAL:</b>			

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**>>> PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

Name (As you want it to appear on badge): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_ Guest(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: (Primary) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency contact during the reunion: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph: \_\_\_\_\_  
 YEARS SERVED: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Special Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations are due by March 12, 2015**

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- > Reservation money is non-refundable after due date unless Tour Cancellation insurance is purchased above.
  - > Insurance holders are eligible for a refund less processing fee until Midnight before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the reunion.
  - > Insurance ends once the reunion begins – notification in writing/email must be received prior to start of reunion.
  - > Late reservations are accepted on a space available basis with a non-refundable \$15 per person late fee.
  - > Call or email MRP if you need to add, cancel or modify your reservation at 817-251-3551 or email: [info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com](mailto:info@MilitaryReunionPlanners.com). MRP agents are available weekdays from 9-4 CST. Voice Mail is 24/7
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